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For: CONTROL METHOD FOR DATA TRANSFER DEVICE, DATA  
TRANSFER CIRCUIT, AND DISK ARRAY DEVICE

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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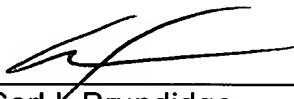
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby  
claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No. 2003-314010 filed in Japan  
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Respectfully submitted,

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